

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

13. (currently amended): A silicon carbide powder produced by a method comprising sintering a mixture containing at least a silicon source and a carbon source, wherein the carbon source is a ~~xylene-based~~ resol xylene resin.

14. (currently amended): The silicon carbide powder according to claim 13, ~~wherein~~ thehaving a nitrogen content ~~is of~~ 100ppm or less.

15. (currently amended): The silicon carbide powder according to claim 13, ~~wherein~~ thehaving a nitrogen content ~~is of~~ 50ppm or less.

16. (currently amended): The silicon carbide powder according to claim 13 ~~wherein~~ thehaving a content of impurity elements ~~is of~~ 0.3 ppm or less.

17. (currently amended): The silicon carbide powder according to claim 13, ~~wherein~~ thehaving a volume-average particle size (D_{50}) ~~is of~~ 1 to 500 μm .

18. (currently amended): The silicon carbide powder according to claim 13, ~~wherein~~
~~the~~having a particle size distribution (D_{90}/D_{10}) ~~is of~~ is 4 or less.